

SEDALIA'S SUCCESS.

Earnest and Enthusiastic Citizens are Taking Active Measures to Secure It.

Meeting of the Sedalia Improvement Company at Wood's Hall Last Evening.

Our Mineral Resources, Natural Gas and Other Enterprises.

An adjourned meeting of the Sedalia Improvement company was held at Wood's hall last evening. Dr. H. B. Scott, the president, occupied the chair, and Mr. John B. Jaynes officiated as secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, after which Dr. White, of Lamonte, addressed the meeting at some length on the subject of

NATURAL GAS

and the great benefit which is to be derived wherever it can be utilized. The great question of the present day, said the speaker, is cheap fuel and railroad facilities. There is, he thinks, little doubt but that this natural gas exists in this vicinity in copious quantities and can be procured at a comparatively slight expense. Not only this, but there are in his opinion unexhaustible veins of coal, which can be mined successfully, that is at a profit to those investing their money in the enterprise by employing this natural gas. As an illustration he cited Allegheny, Pa., where it has been estimated by experts that there is at least sixty million bushels of coal, which is not now employing an immense force of men in mining it on account of the absence of the natural gas. Wherever there is found a supply of this gas, there

MANUFACTORIES WILL LOCATE.

The speaker, at some length, proceeded to give his experience of the discovery and the operation of natural gas.

In response to a question by Major Morey he stated that the discovery of natural gas would be of much more value than coal oil, because he did not think it possible for anybody to compete with the Standard Oil company. Without wishing any harm to the gas company, he believed that with natural gas citizens can furnish their own gas and oil at a merely nominal figure.

Mr. Slurventant, who was formerly engaged in the oil business in Pennsylvania, supplemented the remarks of Dr. White with some very practical information.

Dr. White was very certain that, if natural gas can be obtained, manufacturing will be secured for Sedalia without difficulty.

After quite a lengthy and interesting discussion on this subject, the

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

of the Sedalia Improvement Company were read by Mr. J. C. McLaughlin, and a number of additional shares of stock were subscribed.

All of the gentlemen present representing the capital and the most respectable business enterprises of the city, seemed thoroughly in earnest and determined to push every enterprise which will redound to the prosperity of Sedalia.

After an interesting discussion on some other matters, which it is deemed inexpedient to make public at this time, the meeting adjourned.

A Bad Beginning.

One of the worst cases of precocious depravity lately developed, is that of a 7-year-old son of a resident of the northwestern portion of the city, whose name is withheld by request.

The juvenile in question yesterday appropriated \$25 of his father's money, and in company with several other juveniles, started out for a lark. When the money was missed and the boys overhauled about \$4 had been disposed of for such things as boyish fancy might dictate, but the balance was recovered.

The little fellow did not seem to realize that he had done anything at all wrong, and as his parents are very respectable people, it is to be hoped he will be taught better in the future.

Wedded Bliss.

Daniel Beaver, a middle-aged farmer, and Miss Ellen Voight, aged 17 years, residing near this city, yesterday procured a marriage license and soon thereafter were united in the holy bonds of wedlock by Justice Halstead. The judge remarked that it was very warm weather for weddings, but that was none of his business, if the parties were satisfied, and he proceeded to tie the nuptial knot in his usual graceful and impressive manner.

100 Empty Syrup Barrels for Sale
Only 50 cents per barrel at Chas. Walker & Co's. Candy Factory, 314 Ohio street.
7-11s and wfs.

A Very Close Call.

There came near being need for the coroner in the east end of the Missouri Pacific yards yesterday afternoon. A couple of little German boys who had been engaged in gathering coal droppings, concluded to board an east-bound freight train as it was pulling out. One of them managed to catch on to a ladder with his sack swinging on his shoulder, and the other in attempting to do so fell almost under the wheels and had the little finger of his right hand badly mashed either by the wheels or by some obstacle as he fell, while his sack went under the wheels and was out in two. His companion seeing him fall, attempted to jump off, and in doing so sprained his ankle. They gathered themselves up, and seeing some of the men in the yard coming toward them, left the track as fast as they could, crying as they went. It seems to be a bootless task to warn parents to keep their children away from the cars and railroads, and if it is possible a law should be passed to fine parents who allow their children to frequent the railroad yards unattended.

THE CACTUS.

The Prickly Pest Likely to Become a Commercial Commodity.

Everybody is familiar with the cactus plant in some of its varied forms, and few indeed are the housewives who have not one or more specimens among their house plants. The cactus as a rule, is a tropical growth, but some of its varieties are found in a wild state, almost to the snow lines. The common "prickly pear" being a native of Missouri, and extending south throughout Texas, where it grows in such abundance as to cover whole acres to the exclusion of everything else. Owing to its numerous and poisonous thorns it has ever been regarded as a nuisance and a pest, but of late years science has turned its attention to this humble plant and has discovered in it many valuable medicinal properties. It was not, however, until the last twelve months that its great value as an oil producing plant attracted attention but since the discovery of the fact it bids fair to create a general revolution, not only in the history and value of the plant but in the matter of lubricating oils.

Recently a company was organized in St. Louis to manufacture this oil and from Mr. J. B. Van Dyne, ex-superintendent of the M. K. & T., and a member of the company, the BAZOO learns the following particulars of the new venture. "We have," said he, passed the danger line in our undertaking and established beyond the possibility of a doubt, not only the value of this oil but the feasibility of its manufacture at a price within the reach of oil consumers. As a lubricator it is admitted to be superior to anything else in the market. As an experiment a car on the limited express on the Wabash was oiled with it and ran 1,400 miles without being touched and at the end of the journey it was found to be in the very best condition without a particle of heat."

"The business, then you think, will be permanent?"

"Most undoubtedly. We have established a large factory in East St. Louis, but already our orders are heavier than we can fill, and we will be compelled to enlarge our facilities at once."

"For what is the oil used?"

"At present for lubricating purposes, for which it is far superior to any other oil manufactured. We have not yet manufactured any large quantity of refined oils, though we expect to, as it makes one of the best and purest vegetable oils in the market when properly refined. Its great use, however, will be for lubricating purposes, and to this we expect mainly to turn our attention, as it can be manufactured at about the same price as crude petroleum oils, and is four or five times its value."

"Where do you get your cactus?"

"We are having it shipped from Texas by the car-load. It is brought to St. Louis in a green state and is afterward dried and the oil extracted at our factory in St. Louis."

Mr. Van Dyne further stated that he would have samples of this new oil on exhibition at the state fair in Sedalia when it meets, where the curious and the interested may see and judge for themselves as to its value. The BAZOO congratulates Mr. Van Dyne on his new discovery and trusts it may prove all his most sanguine hopes anticipate.

A Baseballist Injured.

In the game of base ball between the Sedalia and Boonville clubs at the latter place Monday, the third baseman of the Boonville nine met with quite a painful accident. He is slightly lame from injuries received some time ago, and while running from third to home base, he slipped and fell, splitting open his knee cap and inflicting a serious and painful wound.

A BOILER BURSTS,

Causing Some Destruction of Property, But Fortunately No Loss of Life.

It was reported on the streets yesterday morning that a boiler had exploded at the slaughter house of Mr. Hilderbrandt, killing two men and doing considerable damage. A BAZOO reporter at one visited the scene of accident, about a mile and a half northwest of the city, on the Georgetown road, where he learned that a terrific explosion had taken place, but that fortunately, and almost miraculously, it may be said, no one was injured.

The slaughter house of Mr. Hilderbrandt is a small frame structure, located in the rear of his residence, a neat and commodious two story frame house. Some time during the forenoon steam was gotten up in the boiler, a small upright one, for the purpose of boiling a lot of bones. Very little steam was required, and hence Mr. Hilderbrandt says the gauge only registered sixty pounds when they left the building, going in the direction of the house. When they were scarcely twenty feet distant a loud explosion occurred, and the air for a moment was filled with the flying debris. The boiler was located on a stone foundation, and these stones were lifted skyward and showered around promiscuously, one of them weighing about 200 pounds, alighting fully fifty feet from the building.

As stated, Mr. Hilderbrandt and his companion fortunately escaped without the slightest injury, making excellent time towards the house.

Investigation showed that the boiler was moved in an easterly direction about 10 feet, the south end of the building, being a confused mass of ruins, the only thing remaining intact being the large kettle of bones, which emitted an odor sufficient to remind visitors that they were in the vicinity of a slaughter house.

Mr. Hilderbrandt and his assistants were unable to give any plausible theory as to the cause of the accident. They stated that there was an abundance of water in the boiler, and could not understand what caused the explosion. The boiler was examined carefully by the reporter. There was a large hole blown in the side and it was badly incrustated. To this incrustation some of those present attributed the accident, while others indulged in various theories, one of which was that the pipe, leading from the boiler to the large kettle referred to had become stopped up, preventing the steam from escaping and forcing it back into the boiler, causing the explosion. This theory, however, seems too absurd to be entertained, and it seems more plausible that the accident was due to the fact that through carelessness or ignorance, cold water was introduced into a heated boiler, or else the water had been permitted to evaporate entirely, leaving a dry boiler.

Mr. Hilderbrandt sustains a loss of some \$250 or \$300 and has no insurance.

Horsford's Acid Phosphate.

FOR ALCOHOLISM.
Dr. C. S. Ellis, Wabash, Ind., says "I prescribed it for a man who had used intoxicants to excess, for five years, but during the last two years has entirely abstained. He thinks the Acid Phosphate is of much benefit to him."

A Stricken Family.

Two years ago old Mrs. Hanafan, who resides just west of the gas works and who for a number of years has been a widow, making her living by raising pigs, managed to scrape enough money together to send to the old country for her two nieces, Misses Delia and Ellen Murray, the latter then aged 18 and the former 15 years. The girls arrived, and the old lady was happy in the thought that she would have some companions in her old age, and until lately the three have lived happily together, and with their own earnings and that of a brother of the girls, Dennis Murray, they have managed to keep comfortably. Last month, however, Ellen was taken ill with typhoid fever and died. Shortly after her burial Delia was taken with the same dread disease, and though of late it was thought she would recover yesterday at 1:30 o'clock she died also. The funeral will take place to-day at 10 a. m. from the Catholic church. Her aunt and her brother are broken hearted over their irreparable loss, and have the heartfelt sympathy of a large circle of friends in their bereavement.

An Honest Brakeman.

C. F. Jink, a brakeman on the middle division of the Pacific, recently had his wages garnished by one O. G. Baird, of Trenton. The claim was satisfied, but Baird failed to send a receipt to Jink and the creditors of the latter refused to believe that the debt had been paid. The unfortunate brakeman at an expense of about \$40 visited a town in Iowa where the garnishment was issued and procured a receipt in full which Constable Carnes now holds.

"No Votes for Heard."

"How does Mr. Heard stand in Saline county?" asked the BAZOO of a well-known citizen of that section, yesterday.

"Well, if he stands at all it is at the foot of the class."

"You do not think he will make much of a race, then?"

"Much of a race? Look here, young man, do you know what kind of people live in Saline county? Do you think because they are mostly farmers like myself, they can be hoodwinked by every politician that comes along, or gullied by every idiot who sets up to be an editor?"

This broad side of questions was too much for the scribe and he remained silent by way of answer.

"If you do," continued the Salineite, "you are away off in your reckoning. The people of Saline want honest men for office as much as they want honest men for help on their places and they don't propose to elect any other kind if they can help it."

"Do they think Mr. Heard dishonest?"

"Do they think? Well that is putting it pretty strong. They know that two years ago the Sedalia Democrat denounced him as a trickster, a jobber, a liar and everything else that was mean and dishonest and that its manager swore to the truth of what he charged, and they know that when they refused to believe this and sent Mr. Heard to congress in spite of it that he put that same manager into an office and 'fixed' his paper for him, and now that same manager and that same paper is saying he is the best and most honest man in the world and that all it said before was a pack of lies. Do you believe there is a straightforward man in the county of Saline who can't see that Heard has bought this paper either to keep it from telling the truth as it did before, or to keep it from telling the same lies if they were lies. In either case, he has done a thing no honest, upright man would do, and that is the way it is looked on there."

"So you think the Democrat's support is an injury to his chances?"

"Just as much as its opposition was an advantage before."

"Who do you think is likely to get your county?"

"Well, two weeks ago I thought it was doubtful, but I am satisfied now that it will go to Cosgrove."

"Are you a Cosgrove man?"

"Well, no sir, I am not, but my politics don't cut any figure in the result, I tell you what I believe."

"What about the dark horse business?"

"Well, I don't care to be interviewed on that point. I believe John Cosgrove will be the next congressman, but as to anything else wait and see. There may be certain combinations which will change the result, but one thing you can depend on, there are no votes in Saline for Heard."

WICKED WOMEN.

And Worse Men—A Batch of Them Before the Recorder Yesterday.

Eight offenders answered the roll call in Recorder Levens court yesterday morning.

Jessie Browning pleaded guilty to the charge of keeping a room for purposes of prostitution and was fined \$20. Laura Boone, colored, entered a plea of guilty to a similar offense, and was taxed \$20.

Chris Brennan and James Hollendine admitted that they had been guilty of associating with prostitutes, and were fined \$20 each.

Dan Pierce, John Johnson and Elijah Stewart, all colored, "bowed down" before His Honor and took their medicine in the shape of fines of \$20 each for associating with prostitutes.

Most of the above mentioned offenders managed to liquidate their fines, and the city treasury was temporarily inflated.

Jerry Melleno, who resides in the southern part of the city, was arrested yesterday afternoon on a warrant, charging him with indecent exposure of his person. The case was continued until 8 o'clock this morning.

Died.

Yesterday, of typhoid fever, Miss Delia Murray, aged 17 years. Only a few weeks ago a sister of the deceased was laid to rest.

The funeral will take place from St. Vincent's Catholic church at 10 o'clock this morning.

"I have been a severe sufferer from Catarrh for the past fifteen years, with distressing pain over my eyes. Gradually the disease worked down upon my lungs. About a year and a half ago I commenced using Ely's Cream Balm, with most gratifying results, and am to day apparently cured."—Z. C. WARREN, Rutland, Vt.

My Daughter and myself, great sufferers from Catarrh, have been cured by Ely's Cream Balm. My sense of smell restored and health greatly improved.—C. M. STANLEY, merchant, Ithaca, N. Y. Easy to use. Price 50 cents.

BAD FOR THE BABY,

And Decidedly Distressing for Her Unfortunate and Unhappy Parents.

A Little Girl Eats a Number of Morphine Pills, By Mistake.

P. C. Wilburn resides about ten miles northeast of the city, and is a farmer by occupation. Yesterday he was in the city on a very sad errand, the purchase of a casket for his little 5-year-old daughter. Death, under ordinary circumstances, when those we love are taken from us by the grim monster, is terrible enough, but does not harrow the feelings and cause the wild grief as does a case of this nature.

On the sewing machine was a box of morphine pills. The little one while playing around the room discovered this box, and, as is the nature of children, appropriated it to her own use. She ate about one-half the contents of the box, which was sufficient to kill the strongest man. The little girl in her innocent prattle, told her mother that she had been eating the deadly pills. To the horror of the mother it was ascertained that the statement of the little one was only too true. Her agonized parents at once placed her in a wagon and started with her to Sedalia for the purpose of procuring medical aid. When about two and a half miles from the residence of Mr. Wilburn the poor little girl went to sleep, and all efforts to resuscitate her proved unavailing.

Stopping at the residence of a neighbor, the suffering child was removed to comfortable and pleasant quarters, where, notwithstanding every effort made by a host of friends, she breathed her last about 12 o'clock Tuesday night.

The funeral will take place from Prairie Chapel, at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

MIDNIGHT MARAUDERS.

They Visited Several Residences Last Night But Were Routed by Plucky Ladies.

There exists in Sedalia as well as in almost all other cities a certain class of rather empty-headed dudes, who, when partially under the influence of liquor, imagine that Lillie Langtry, Mary Anderson, Fay Templeton or any other of the renowned and fascinating beauties would be only too glad to receive their attentions. These idiots are libertines of the most contemptible sort, not that they are capable of doing very much harm, but because they are very annoying to all respectable people utterly ignore such a thing as virtue in a woman, and when under the influence of a small glass of beer, are very liable to put the county to considerable expense by running up a large bill of costs for the coroner.

Tuesday night a carriage, containing a quartette of these brainless, but licentious whelps, started out to take in the town. After driving around the city for a considerable length of time, they concluded to call on some "ladies," but by an unfortunate mistake, they chanced to stop at the residence of Mr. Richard Werdeman on Grand avenue. Mrs. Werdeman was alone, and the ruffians alighting from their carriage, walked up to the front door of the house, rattling the windows and banging at the doors. Alarmed, of course, but not for an instant losing her courage, the plucky lady secured her revolver and fired a couple of shots at the dirty dogs, which caused them to vacate the premises immediately and give her no further trouble.

These drunken brutes, far worse than the common drunkard who is taken from the gutter and lodged in the cooler, should be ferreted out and severely punished, and the hack driver who was guilty of carrying them to the house of this defenseless lady, should also be arrested and heavily fined.

ANOTHER CASE.

Quite a commotion was created at the western terminus of East Fifth street about 2 a. m. yesterday, by the sudden sound of a shot fired from the residence of Mrs. Ed. Boyd. Investigation revealed that the shot had been fired by Mrs. Boyd herself at an unknown intruder, but with what effect could not be ascertained, as the midnight prowler had lost no time in putting himself beyond the danger line of observation.

It seems that since Mr. Boyd left home in search of employment, he being one of the unlucky ex-railroaders, Mrs. Boyd has been living alone, except when some of her relatives would spend a night with her. On several occasions persons have alarmed her by attempting to get into the house. So much indeed has she been disturbed, that she appealed to the police, who

have frequently visited the premises but without finding the trespassers. They advised her to arm herself and try the use of gun powder. She accordingly secured a loaded shot-gun, and yesterday morning when she was aroused by some one attempting to enter a rear window, she got her gun. All the windows and back doors had been securely fastened, and the prowler finding it impossible to enter there passed to the front of the house and as he came upon the front porch Mrs. Boyd threw open the door and fired. With an exclamation of alarm the fellow sped away, and in a few moments a crowd of her neighbors flocked to the scene to find only a very badly scared woman and a smoking shot gun. It is to be hoped the villain received the contents of the gun in his worthless carcass, but if he did he left no evidence of the fact behind him.

A BIG SUIT.

R. H. Drew Wants Blood Money for the Whisky Sold his Son.

At the last term of the criminal court R. W. Drew entered several complaints against J. M. Robb for having sold liquor to his son R. J. Drew, a minor, and for allowing the said son to play pool in his Robbs saloon. Several of the indictments were made to stick and Mr. Robb was pretty heavily fined. It was generally supposed that this was the end of the matter as not only Drew himself but his son were considered hard drinkers and pretty hard citizens by most people. It seems, however, such was not the case as Drew senior immediately prepared to bring a civil action against Robb and his bondsmen under the statute allowing the parent or guardian of a minor to recover \$50 from any person selling or giving to such minor any intoxicating liquor without the written consent of the parent or guardian. The papers were very voluminous and circuit clerk Ingram declined to copy them without the fees in advance. Thus matters have laid in abeyance from last May until yesterday, when Mr. Drew showed up and handing the circuit clerk \$5, demanded that he proceed to make out the necessary papers, which was done. The suit embraces sixteen different counts, and if Mr. Drew can make them stick, he will realize \$800, besides mulcting the defendants in a large amount of costs. The suit is brought against John M. Robb, as principal, and Louis Deutsch and Charles Keiffer as his bondsmen. It is the first case of the kind ever brought in Sedalia and will, therefore, excite considerable interest.

"SHUAH" TO SUCCEED.

Thinks John Bird the Colored Independent Candidate for Constable.

See hear reporter said John Bird the independent candidate for constable to a BAZOOITE yesterday afternoon I don't know nothing 'bout any combination with Mr. Ingram or no other man, but I am going to be elected, and you can put that down as a settled fact. I understand that a few niggers in town are agin me, but that makes no difference, I will be elected just the same. You see de foth of August am emancipation day and me and Mrs. Bird will be out in a hack on that day and drive through all of the principal streets, and I will make a speech."

John seemed to think that this would settle the matter, and that after his fellow-citizens had heard his clarion voice, there would not be a single voter who could resist his eloquence and magnetism.

The BAZOO is very sorry for John, but must say frankly, that his chances for being constable of Sedalia township are hardly as good as those of a disabled mastiff in a certain contest frequently alluded to in slang parlance. In order to make things lively, however, it is to be hoped that John will continue to make it interesting for Messrs. Wallace and Smith, the democratic and republican nominees.

Deserters Captured.

Lieutenant Pilcher, of the United States army, passed through the city yesterday with a detachment having in charge five deserters whom he was taking to Fort Leavenworth for trial. One of them was captured at Indianapolis, one at Cincinnati, one at Columbus, one at Chicago and one at Louisville.

A Sudden Death.

S. N. Brown residing on the corner of Second and Massachusetts, died very suddenly Wednesday of consumption. Mr. Brown was about 60 years of age and has long been a sufferer with the fatal disease, but his demise at the time it occurred was totally unexpected as he was up and about and not considered in a dangerous condition. The funeral took place yesterday.